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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4
and Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to the council of juvenile
and family court judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-506, is amended by deleting the
language of the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) The clerk of each juvenile court shall quarterly report to the executive
secretary such information as the council may require concerning cases handled by
such court, (including, but not necessarily limited to, informal adjustments, pretrial
diversions, and all other dispositions made by the court). Notwithstanding the provisions
of § 37-1-153 or any other law to the contrary, the council may require identifying
information to be reported in order for the council to more accurately track recidivism
rates and other pertinent trends relating to juveniles; provided, however, any such
identifying information so received by the council shall be confidential; shall not be
published, released, or otherwise disseminated; and shall be maintained in accordance
with state and federal laws and regulations governing confidentiality of such information.

The council may publish data and make such data available to properly concerned agencies and individuals, or to any person upon request; however, any such publication or release of data shall be limited to non-identifying information. The council shall develop guidelines and procedures to expunge identifying information collected on juveniles; provided, however, such expungement shall occur only after the juvenile reaches the age that is beyond jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to mandate any change in a county's decision regarding the division of reporting responsibility between the juvenile court clerk and the youth services officer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.